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Urban District of Aldridge-Brownhills

Annual Report

of the

Health Department

for the year 1970

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Chief Public Health Inspector

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To the Aldridge-Brownhills Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentleman,

I have the honour of presenting to you the Annual Report for 1970

The major event of the year was the accession of the School Health Service, as a result of the grant of Excepted District status on 1.9.70 It is too early for me to comment on this event, other than to state that its impact is already making itself felt. A part time Deputy Medical Officer, as well as a full time Clinical Senior Medical Officer have been appointed.

Attachment schemes of all classes of nursing staff to G.P's have continued throughout the year, and proved valuable inmany respects. The General Practitioner and Medical Officer of Health relationship has greatly improved, enabling us to hold regular meetings in which valuable decisions are taken. G.P's and Nurses have learned to know each other better. Most important, patients have benefited from this improvement all round.

Admission to geriatric hospitals remains a thorny problem. It is for this reason that at the time of writing an attempt is being made to secure the establishment of a Cottage Hospital for the District. I stated in my last Annual Report that "it would be highly desirable to have a small hospital in the district where G.P's can look after their own cases, assisted by resident and attached nursing staff". This may now materialise.

The shortage of Health Visitors has resulted in undervisiting of toddlers aged 2–5. More Health Visitors should however, become available to us when prospective candidates are allowed to train in Birmingham, which is so much nearer to Aldridge than Keele.

The effect of attachment on home nursing is reflected in the increased number of new cases in all age groups. The number of treatments has increased by 40%.

Domiciliary midwifery is still in the doldrums, amounting to about 25% of all deliveries A domiciliary midwife in this district does on the average 25 home deliveries and 75 hospital discharges a year.

The number of persons on the Handicapped Register was 423 at the end of the year. The preponderance of female Physically Handicapped can be attributed to longevity, and greater proneness to rheumatism.

The Day Centre for the Blind has proved a most succesful enterprise, and is now considered a permanent institution for the Blind.

An important event was the establishment of the Megan du Boisson Playgroup for Physically and Mentally Handicapppd Children in the district. They are housed in a new annexe, erected from funds provided by a Voluntary Society (Brownhills Fellowship for the Handicapped) and the District Council. Apart from the relief to the parents, and the obvious physical and psychological advantage to the children, for whom this is frequently the first social experience, this is a fertile repository for the identification of pupils suitable to join the adjacent new special school for the Mentally Handicapped Children.

The vehicles for the Physically Handicapped and Elderly have continued to run throughout the year. Difficulties arose when the County Council made funds hitherto paid to the District Council payable directly to the Voluntary Bodies. This led to the introduction of a charge of 3/- per mile

With regard to Family Planning, a third Clinic has now been established in Brownhills

The vital statistics of the District show no dramatic change. The legitimate birth rate has fallen, the illegitimate increased. Nothing else can be expected in the present climate of permissiveness.

The Death Rate approximately equals the national rate — The Infant Mortality rate is better than the national rate.

The causes of deaths remained the same. Deaths from coronary disease and cancer show a further increase. There have been fewer road deaths but more suicides.

Apart from the influenza epidemic, there was no major epidemic of infectious disease. The reduction in the incidence of Whooping Cough proved only temporary. Measles and Whooping Cough are on the increase again, whilst Scarlet Fever, Dysentery and hepatitis have decreased.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentleman,

Your obedient servant,

H. SHORE

Medical Officer of Health.

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SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND VITAL STATISTICS

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STATISTICS

	1970	1969
Area of Urban District	13,276 acres	13,276 acres
Estimated Population	88,070	87,530
Rateable Value at 1st April	£3,650,427	£2,673,997
Estimated net product of 1d Rate	£12,476	£12,366

VITAL STATISTICS

	MALE		FEMALE		TOTAL	
	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970	1969
Live Births	770	861	729	766	1499	1627
Legitimate	735	834	692	732	1427	1566
Illegitimate	35	27	37	34	72	61
Still Births	17	11	7	6	24	17
Legitimate	17	10	6	6	23	16
Illegitimate	–	1	1	–	1	1
Infant Deaths (under 1 year)	10	17	14	5	23	22
Legitimate	9	14	11	5	20	19
Illegitimate	1	3	2	–	3	3
TOTAL DEATHS	354	339	253	244	607	583

	Aldridge-Brownhills		England and Wales	
	1970	1969	1970	1969
Live Births				
Rate per 1,000 population (adjusted)	12.8	14.0	16.0	16.3
Still Births				
Rate per 1,000 live and still births	16.0	10.0	13.0	13.0
Infant Mortality Rates:				
per 1,000 total live births	15.0	14.0	18.0	18.0
per 1,000 illegitimate live births	42.0	49.0	26.0	25.0
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under four weeks per 1,000 total live births)	11.0	11.0	12.0	12.0
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births)	11.0	10.0	11.0	10.0
Peri-natal Mortality Rate (still births plus deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total live births and still births)	26.0	21.0	23.0	23.0
Death Rate per 1,000 population (adjusted)	11.8	11.0	11.7	11.9

TOTAL DEATHS

CAUSES OF DEATH IN 1970
(Figures for 1969 in Brackets)

	Male		Female	
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	3	(2)	–	(2)
Other Tuberculosis including late effects	–	(–)	–	(1)
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	2	(1)	1	(1)
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	1	(1)	1	(2)
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	12	(10)	5	(4)
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	11	(3)	7	(13)
Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx	1	(1)	1	(–)
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	33	(31)	4	(7)
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	–	(–)	13	(8)
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	–	(–)	4	(7)
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	5	(2)	–	(–)
Leukaemia	4	(4)	–	(1)
Other Malignant Neoplasms	24	(12)	20	(17)
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	2	(1)	–	(–)
Diabetes Mellitus	1	(1)	2	(1)
Other Endocrine etc., Diseases	1	(3)	2	(–)
Anaemias	1	(2)	1	(1)
Other Diseases of Blood	–	(–)	1	(–)
Mental Disorders	–	(1)	–	(1)
Meningitis	1	(–)	1	(–)
Other Diseases of Nervous System etc.	2	(4)	1	(4)
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	2	(1)	3	(4)
Hypertensive Disease	3	(12)	6	(10)
Ischaemic Heart Disease	92	(82)	51	(42)
Other forms of Heart Disease	9	(13)	17	(21)
Cerebrovascular Disease	25	(37)	35	(30)
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	10	(10)	12	(18)
Influenza	10	(3)	2	(1)
Pneumonia	24	(17)	21	(16)
Bronchitis and Emphysema	28	(32)	6	(2)
Asthma	1	(–)	1	(1)
Other Diseases of the Respiratory System	8	(2)	2	(3)
Peptic Ulcer	3	(2)	2	(2)
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	3	(2)	3	(1)
Cirrhosis of Liver	–	(3)	–	(3)
Other Diseases of Digestive System	2	(5)	1	(1)
Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	(–)	3	(1)
Hyperplasia of prostate	3	(2)	–	(–)
Other Diseases of Genito-Urinary System	2	(2)	3	(3)
Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	1	(1)	–	(–)
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	–	(1)	2	(1)
Congenital Anomalies	–	(6)	4	(3)
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour	6	(5)	3	(1)
Other causes of Perinatal Mortality	2	(5)	4	(3)
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	2	(–)	2	(1)
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	(7)	–	(4)
All Other Accidents	7	(8)	3	(2)
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	2	(1)	3	(–)
All Other External Causes	–	(1)	–	(–)
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	354	(339)	253	(244)

Deaths from Cancer numbered 146 (91 male, 55female) compared with 123 (64 male, 59 female) in 1969

Deaths from Ischaemic Heart Disease during 1970 totalled 143. (124 in 1969).

CAUSES OF DEATH – CLASSIFICATION BY AGE GROUPS

CAUSE OF DEATH	MALES								FEMALES								TOTAL Male & Female
	01	1-	5-	15-	25-	45-	65-	75-	01	1-	5-	15-	25-	45-	65-	75-	
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	-	-	-	-	1	6	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	17
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	6	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	5	18
Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	-	-	-	-	-	23	8	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	37
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	3	2	13
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Leukaemia	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Other Malignant Neoplasms	-	-	-	-	2	9	9	4	1	-	-	-	1	7	6	5	44
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Diabetes Mellitus	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3
Other Endocrine etc., Diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
Anaemias	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Other Diseases of Blood	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Meningitis	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc.	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	5
Hypertensive Disease	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	9
Ischaemic Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	6	40	24	22	-	-	-	-	2	5	18	26	143
Other forms of Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	6	-	-	-	1	-	3	4	9	26
Cerebrovascular Disease	-	-	-	-	1	3	12	9	-	-	-	-	-	6	10	19	60
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	7	-	-	-	1	2	1	2	6	22
Influenza	-	-	-	-	2	2	3	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	12
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	5	4	10	5	-	-	-	-	1	2	6	12	
Bronchitis and Emphysema	-	-	-	-	1	4	14	9	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	2	34
Asthma	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	10
Peptic Ulcer	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	6
Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	5
Hyperplasis of Prostate	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	5
Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2
Congenital Anomalies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
All Other Accidents	-	1	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	10
Suicide and Self Inflicted Injuries	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	5
TOTAL – Separate age groups	10	2	–	4	25	124	98	91	14	1	1	4	9	51	70	103	
TOTAL – All Causes	354								253								607

INFANT DEATHS

	MALES			FEMALES		
	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Total	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Total
Under 1 week of age	7	1	8	6	2	8
Under 4 weeks of age	7	1	8	7	2	9
Under 1 year of age	9	1	10	11	2	13
1969	39	7		11	–	

The 17 deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age were classified under the following causes:

	MALES		FEMALES		
	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Total
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-
Congenital Malformations	-	-	2	-	2
Prematurity	2	-	2	-	4
Birth injury Difficult Labour	2	-	-	-	2
Disease of Respiratory System	3	1	3	-	7
Unspecified Anomalies of Circulatory System	-	-	-	-	-
Eclampsia of Pregnancy	-	-	1	-	1
Haemolytic Disease of Newborn	-	-	1	-	1
	7	1	9	-	17

CANCER DEATHS

	1970		1969	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
TOTAL DEATHS	91	55	64	59
of these, deaths due to cancer of lung and/or bronchus.	33	4	31	7

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34	Welfare of the Physically Handicapped

ATTACHMENT SCHEMES

Schemes in operation are as follows :-

	District Nurses Commenced	Midwives Commenced	Health Visitors Commenced
Aldridge	1.6.69	1.6.69	2.2.70
Rushall	2.2.70	3.7.70	6.4.70
Pelsall	2.2.70	3.7.70	6.4.70
Brownhills	9.2.70	2.3.70	2.3.70
Walsall Wood	9.2.70	–	–
Shelfield	9.2.70	–	–

Repeated meetings have been held with Doctors and Nursing Staff to check whether arrangements are working well. Almost without exception great satisfaction has been expressed by all concerned. The patients themselves have noted the changed relationship and have benefited from it

CERVICAL CYTOLOGY

Two Cervical Cytology Clinics operate weekly in the Urban District; at the Child Health Centre, Leighswood Road, Aldridge on Tuesday morning, and at the Child Health Centre, Pier Street, Brownhills on Friday mornings.

	Brownhills Clinic	Aldridge Clinic
No. of First Tests carried out during 1970	329	447
No. of Recalls carried out during 1970	72	57
No. of Retests carried out during 1970	19	6
Total No. of tests carried out during 1970	420	510

Total No. of tests carried out at both clinics during 1970 930

Total No. of tests carried out at both clinics up to the end of 1970 4,124

No positive cases were discovered during the year.

CHIROPODY SERVICE

Chiropody treatment is available for aged persons, the physically handicapped, expectant mothers and school children. Four part-time chiropodists are employed to carry out this work.

No. of Clinic Treatments		No. of Domiciliary Treatments		Total No. of People receiving treatment since commencement of service.	
1970	1969	1970	1969	1970	1969
2241	2175	1564	1368	1309	1126

No. of persons receiving treatment :

Physically Handicapped		Old Aged Pensioners		School Children	
1970	1969	1970	1969	1970	1969
67	72	847	704	7	35

DAY NURSERIES

Unfortunately there is no day nursery in the Urban District. The City of Birmingham is extremely helpful in allocating places at its Kingstanding Day Nursery for our priority cases. Geographical location, however, makes this practicable only for the residents of the Streetly and Pheasey areas. At the end of the year 2 children from the Urban District were attending this Birmingham Day Nursery.

Walsall Corporation were also able to help out with an urgent case from Rushall and one child has been placed in tne Central Day Nursery.

FAMILY PLANNING

The Family Planning Clinics at Aldridge and Pheasey are still proving to be successful. Details of the present sessions are as follows:-

Child Health Centre Leighswood Road Aldridge	Mondays	10.00 - 11.30 a.m. 7.00 - 8.30 p.m.
Child Health Centre Beacon Road Pheasey	Tuesdays Thursdays	7.15 - 8.30 p.m. 7.00 - 8.30 p.m.

The following table gives details of clients attending at the end of the year

Referred by

	Number of Patients	Patients or Friends	General Practitioners	Hospital	Local Authority
1970	1768	412	239	1	15
1969	1365	132	193	1	8

	Other Sources	F. P. A. Transfers	Came of own accord	Came following Press Publicity
1970	59	579	427	36
1969	506	525	–	–

A third Clinic is to be opened in Brownhills, early in 1971

HEALTH VISITING

The following table gives details of home visiting by Health Visitors during the year.

	Cases visited by Health Visitors	Number of Cases	
		1970	1969
1	Children born in 1970	1601	1645
2	Children born in 1969	1846	1873
3	Children born in 1965-68	2158	2765
4	Total number of children in lines 1-3	5605	6283
5	Persons aged 65 or over	328	54
6	Number included in line 5 who were visited at the special request of a G.P. or hospital	24	48
7	Mentally disordered persons	15	6
8	Number included in line 7 who were visited at the special request of a G.P. or hospital	11	4
9	Persons, excluding Maternity cases, discharged from hospital (other than mental hospitals)	32	16
10	Number included in line 9 who were visited at the special request of a G.P. or hospital	24	14
11	Number of tuberculous households visited	25	46
12	Number of households visited on account of other infectious diseases	46	93
13	Number of tuberculous households visited by tuberculosis visitor	386	313
14	Other cases	160	310

HOME HELP SERVICE

Breakdown of Cases

	Home Help to Households for Persons					
	aged 65 or over on first visit during the year	aged under 65 on first visit during year				
		Chronic Sick and Tuberculous	Mentally Disordered	Maternity	Others	Total
Number of cases	1970 738	75	9	36	88	946
	1969 526	54	7	49	58	694

General Analysis

Total net Expenditure	Average weekly hours allocated	Net expenditure per 1,000 population	Number of persons per 1,000 population who received assistance
1970 £33,954	1,800	£385	10.7
1969 £31,126	1,800	£322	7.9

HOME NURSING

The following tables show some general statistics relating to the Home Nursing Service.

Analysis of New Cases Nursed During the Year

Condition	Age 0-4	Age 5-15	Age 16-64	65 and over	Total	1969
Tuberculosis	—	—	11	2	13	3
Other Infectious diseases	13	12	4	2	31	8
Diseases of the Blood	—	—	47	47	94	76
Diseases of the Heart	1	—	6	44	51	40
Cerebral Haemorrhage and Thrombosis	—	—	18	68	86	64
Other Circulatory Diseases	—	—	5	13	18	25
Respiratory Diseases other than T.B.	2	—	30	38	70	57
Diseases of Ear or Nose and Throat	—	—	25	2	27	4
Eye Conditions	3	1	4	2	10	4
Dental Conditions	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gynaecological Conditions	—	—	9	16	25	14
Genito-Urinary	1	—	7	6	14	8
Diseases of Bones, Joints and Muscles	—	3	32	37	72	45
Diseases of Digestive System	1	1	15	14	31	17
Diabetes	—	—	4	21	25	39
Parasitic Conditions (worms, lice etc.)	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Growths	—	—	56	55	111	66
Senility	—	—	—	84	84	54
Diseases of Skin and subcutaneous tissues	1	1	20	28	50	29
Mental and Nervous Conditions	—	—	17	5	22	26
Injuries	6	10	45	14	75	25
Burns and Scalds	12	10	19	9	50	6
Sepsis	4	3	21	2	30	22
Post Operative	7	15	133	27	182	110
Complication of Pregnancy or Puerperium	—	—	32	—	32	42
Other Conditions	—	2	13	17	32	37
TOTALS 1970	51	58	573	553	1235	821
TOTALS 1969	34	10	346	431		

CLASSIFICATION BY TREATMENT

	General Nursing care	Dressings	Observation of Patient	Enemas	Changing of Pessaries	Washouts Douches Catheterisation	Preparation for Diagnostic Investigations	Injections of Antibiotic	Other Injections	Other Treatments
1970	14,258	12,514	8,052	381	137	197	33	554	9,971	1,376
1969	9,908	7,708	5,937	245	82	167	8	337	9,244	473

Total no. of treatments 1970 47,473
1969 34,109

INFANT WELFARE CENTRES

Leighswood Road, Aldridge	Wednesdays and Fridays	2-4 pm
Pier Street, Brownhills	Tuesdays and Fridays	2-4 pm
High Street, Pelsall	Mondays and Thursdays	2-4 pm
Beacon Road, Pheasey	Mondays and Fridays	2-4 pm
Coalheath Lane, Shelfield.	Tuesdays only	2-4 pm
Blackwood Road, Streetly	Mondays and Thursdays	2-4 pm
Community Centre, Springfields, Rushall	Wednesdays only	2-4 pm
Social Services Centre, Beacon Way, Walsall Wood	Thursdays only	2-4 pm

Attendances during 1970

	No. of children under 1 year attending for first time	Attendance				
		1 year	1-2 years	3-5 years	Total	Average attendance per session
Aldridge	195	2,351	597	773	3,721	37.21
Brownhills	272	1,951	1,663	1,443	5,057	50.57
Pelsall	184	1,940	1,932	1,682	5,554	59.08
Pheasey	175	2,101	2,295	2,851	7,247	71.04
Shelfield	96	750	593	1,011	2,354	52.31
Streetly	210	2,193	2,427	1,986	6,606	68.81
Rushall	68	502	531	643	1,676	32.76
Walsall Wood	73	492	615	675	1,782	34.26
TOTAL 1970	1,273	12,280	10,653	11,064	33,997	53.037
TOTAL 1969	1,443	13,248	11,470	10,026	34,744	54.238

MENTAL HEALTH

The following table gives an indication of the work performed by the Mental Welfare Officers during the year.

		1970	1969
Number of cases referred to Mental Welfare Officers		317	337
Number of cases previously known		115	120
Sources of referral :-			
	General Practioners	65	40
	Hospitals	124	175
	Police and Courts	14	11
	Relatives	21	12
Dept. of Health and Social Security	›cial Security	6	4
	Education Authority	4	1
	Health Visitor	4	8
	Others	80	65
Disposals :-	Advice to referring Agency	75	48
	Advice to patients	10	8
	Advice to relatives	19	21
	Admitted to hospital	80	55
	Placed under Guardianship	1	–
	Observation (further visits necessary)	136	186
	Recovered or stabilised	42	118
	Left the area	1	6
	Home visits by Mental Welfare Officers	1,861	1,206
	Visits to patients in hospital or hostel	115	64
Hospital admissions arranged :	(a) Informally	30	16
	(b) Under part IV of Mental Health Act	61	52

MIDWIFERY

The District has an establishment of 22 domiciliary midwives. At the end of 1970 15 full time midwives were in post. Supervision is exercised by Mrs Overend, the area Nursing Officer, and her Deputy, Miss Elsmore, who are also responsible for control of the District Nurses and Health Visitors.

The following table summarises the work of the domiciliary midwives during the year.

Domiciliary confinements

Doctor not booked		Doctor booked		Total	Number of cases delivered in hospital and other institutions but discharged and attended by domiciliary midwives before 10th day	
Doctor present at delivery	Doctor not present at delivery	Doctor present at delivery	Doctor not present at delivery			
–	–	43	335	378	1135	1970
–	–	60	346	406	1091	1969

Domiciliary confinements represented 25 % of total births

Three of the Council's midwives are approved as Teacher Midwives by the Central Midwives' Board.

NURSERIES AND CHILD MINDERS REGULATION ACT, 1948

At the end of the year 18 premises were registered as Day Nurseries and 32 persons as Child Minders. The Day Nurseries are in actual fact Pre-school Playgroups, registered under this legislation to ensure that the health and welfare of children are adequately safeguarded, whilst in the care of persons other than their parents.

Inspection and occasional supervision of these groups is undertaken by the Nursing Officer

Details of groups registered are given below:-

Day Nurseries

Methodist Church Hall
Anchor Meadow
Aldridge

Scout Group Headquarters
Barnetts Lane
Brownhills

Community Centre
Pelsall

Methodist Church Hall
Daw End Lane
Rushall

St John's Church Hall
Brookland Road
Walsall Wood

Holy Trinity Play Group
Clayhanger
Brownhills

Shelfield Youth Centre
Lichfield Road
Shelfield

The Friary Hall
Whetstone Lane
Aldridge

Hundred Acre Pre-school Playgroup
Goodwood Drive
Streetly

The Elfin Nursery
Portland Road
Aldridge

Mission Hall
Tynings Lane
Aldridge

St Thomas's Mission Church Hall
Watling Street
Brownhills

Methodist Church Hall
Romney Way
Pheasey Estate
Great Barr

Blackwood Methodist Church
Streetly

The Pavilion
Blackwood Road
Streetly

Physically Handicapped Centre
Beacon Way
Walsall Wood

Parkside Pre-school Playgroup
Streetly Youth Centre
Foley Road
Streetly

The Pavilion
Anchor Meadow
Leighswood Road
Aldridge

Child Minders

Mrs. M. Allen, 8 Horsley Road, Great Barr

Mrs. J. A. Greaves, 105 Tyndale Crescent, Pheasey Estate.

Mrs. E. M. Busby, 11 Harborough Drive, Aldridge

Mrs. G. Clarke, 86 Howdles Lane, Brownhills.

Mrs. A. J. Cole, 285 Lichfield Road, Rushall

Mrs. I. Holt, 7 Wallcroft, Aldridge

Mrs. E. Sadler, 38 Chantry Crescent,

Mrs. P. Bache, 18 Freeth Road, Brownhills

Mrs. R. Meddings, 17 Freeth Road, Brownhills

Mrs. J. Humphries, 110 Birmingham Road, Aldridge

Mrs. M. Whitbrook, 47 Poplar Avenue, Brownhills

Mrs. S. Rich, 74 Poxon Road, Walsall Wood

Mrs. D. Leach, 59 Cherwell Drive, Brownhills

Mrs. M. Pearce, 8 School Avenue, Brownhills

Mrs. B. Latham, 233 Westgate, Aldridge

Mrs. E. Godfrey, 15 Redlands Way, Streetly

Mrs. R. Buckley, 65 Raeburn Road, Great Barr

Mrs. G. Matthews, 42 Northside Drive, Streetly

Mrs. Springett, 203 Foley Road West, Streetly

Mrs. S. Wiley, The Laurels Nursery, 86 Wood Lane, Streetly

Mrs. J. Derry, 16 Middleton Road, Streetly

Mrs. I. Hollic, 86 Hednesford Road, Brownhills

Mrs. I. Tedstone, 32 Dumblederry Lane, Aldridge

Mrs Eades, 82 Stonehurst Road, Great Barr

Mrs. P. Akers, 71 Kings Road, Rushall

Mrs Rigby, 53 Broad Lane, Pelsall

Mrs. M. E.Fairfield, 67 Ogley Crescent, Brownhills

Mrs. J. Baker, 6 Anglesey Crescent, Brownhills.

Mrs. Fisher, Druids Lodge, Stonnall Road, Aldridge

Mrs. Lea, 85 Stonehurst Road, Great Barr.

Mrs. Rogers, 130 Silver Court Gardens, Brownhills

Mrs. Wray, 34 St. Andrews Avenue, Pelsall.

Mrs. Binnell, 11 Queen Street, Walsall Wood

Mrs. Thorneywork, 80 Hillingford Avenue, Great Barr

Mrs. B. Hawkins, 6 Orchard Grove, Aldridge.

Mrs. M. Gilbert, 1 Prince Street, Walsall Wood

Mrs. J. Ansell, 94 Howdles Lane, Brownhills

Mrs. S. Balgobin, 279 Lichfield Road, Rushall.

Mrs. S. Higgins, 4 Oakfield Drive, Pelsall

Mrs. Guest, 18 Broad Lane, High Heath, Pelsall

Mrs. M. Arrowsmith, 15 Anglesey Crescent, Brownhills

Child Minders contd.

Mrs. S. Kulok, 39 Daw End Lane, Rushall

Mrs. G. Nardware, 5 Medway Walk, Brownhills

Mrs. S. Holmes, 11 Anglesey Crescent, Brownhills

Mrs. I. Bridge 115 Friezland Lane, Brownhills

Mrs. M. Bushby, 106 Howdles Lane, Brownhills

Mrs. J. Reeves, 175 Tyndale Crescent, Great Barr

Mrs. T. Constantine, 69 Westbrook Avenue, Aldridge

Mrs. P. Houldsworth, 43 Spring Road, Shelfield

Mrs. D. Wood, 54 Hawthorne Road, Shelfield

Mrs. R. Williams, 5 Cambridge Close, Aldridge

Mrs. M. Bullock, 21 Prince Street, Walsall Wood

Mrs. J. Morgan, 59 Waine House, Brownhills

Mrs. P. Wright, 18 Medway Road, Brownhills

Mrs. M. Levesley, 34 Harborough Drive, Aldridge

Mrs. G. E. Falkner, 23 Erdington Road, Aldridge

Mrs. V. Thomas, 50 Anglesey Road, Brownhills

Mrs. M. Homer, 6 Woodfold Croft, Aldridge

Mrs. B. A. Lowe, 12 Pomeroy Road, Great Barr

Mrs. C. E. Asson, 16 Nicholas Road, Streetly

Mrs. Wilkins, 24 Crail Grove, Great Barr

Mrs. Rhodes, 40 Laneside Avenue, Streetly

Mrs. G. Coleman, 6 Springhill Road, Brownhills

Mrs. M. Samphire, 6 Lindon Close, Brownhills

PLAYGROUPS

Park Farm Pre-School Playgroup, Moreton Avenue, Great Barr

Coppy Hall Pre-School Playgroup, St. Thomas Church, Coppy Hall, Aldridge

Walsall Wood Pre-School Playgroup for Handicapped Children
Beacon Way, Walsall Wood.

NURSING COMFORTS EQUIPMENT

Nursing Comforts are issued by the St. John Ambulance Brigade and the British Red Cross Society.

Distribution Centres in the Urban District are as follows:

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

Miss V. M. Nicholas, 22 Thornhill Road, Streetly.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE

Mrs. N. Foter, 50 Lindon Close, Brownhills.
Mr. A. W. Lote, Rear of Council House, Anchor Road, Aldridge.

	1970	1969
Premature Live Births	112	107
Premature Still Births	16	8
Live Births — Hospital	71	96
Domiciliary	9	11
Still Births — Hospital	14	8
Domiciliary	2	—
Premature live births as a percentage of all live births	7.4%	6.6%

The progress of live premature births is shown in greater detail in the following table.

Weight at Birth	PREMATURE LIVE BIRTHS: Born in hospital: Total births (1)	Born in hospital: Died: Within 24hrs of birth (2)	Born in hospital: Died: in 1 and under 7 days (3)	Born in hospital: Died: in 7 and under 28 days (4)	Born at home or in a Nursing Home: Nursed entirely at Home or in a Nursing Home: Total births (5)	Nursed entirely at Home or in a Nursing Home: Died: Within 24 hrs of births (6)	Nursed entirely at Home or in a Nursing Home: Died: in 1 and under 7 days (7)	Nursed entirely at Home or in a Nursing Home: Died: in 7 and under 28 days (8)	Born at home or in a Nursing Home: Transferred to hospital on or before 28th day: Total births (9)	Transferred to hospital: Died: Within 24 hrs of birth (10)	Transferred to hospital: Died: in 1 and under 7 days (11)	Transferred to hospital: Died: in 7 and under 28 days (12)	Premature Stillbirths: in hospital (13)	Premature Stillbirths: at home or born in a nursing home (14)
1 2lb.3oz. or less	4	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1
2 Over 2lb.3oz. up to & incl. 3lb.4oz.	3	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2	1
3 Over 3lb.4oz. up to & incl.. 4lb.6oz	12	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—
4 Over 4lb.6oz. up to & incl. 4lb.15oz.	14	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—
5 Over 4lb.15oz. up to & incl. 5lb.8oz.	38	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
6 TOTAL 1970	71	5	2	—	9	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	14	2
7 TOTAL 1969	96	7	—	—	11	—	—	—	2	2	1	—	8	2

1 — 1,000g or less, 2 — 1,001 - 1,500g, 3 — 1,501 - 2,000g, 4 — 2,001 - 2,250g, 5 — 2,250 - 2,500g.

PREVENTION OF ILLNESS, CARE AND AFTER CARE

Details are given below of the work undertaken during 1970 by the Social Workers.

	1970	1969	
Number of patients visited at home	1878	1186	
Number of patients interviewed in the office	23	21	
Number of patients supplied with extra nourishment	2	11	
Number of patients supplied with bedding	3	1	DHSS
	8	9	Voluntary
Number of patients supplied with nursing equipment	89	71	BRCS
	29	4	St. John Ambulance
	57	88	Staffs. C. C.
Number of patients supplied with convalescence	3	4	
Travelling expenses paid to families visiting hospital	3	2	
Number of Old People visited	27	32	
Number of Families supplied with furniture	9	2	Voluntary
	2	1	DHSS
Number of Families supplied with clothing	23	25	Voluntary
Number of cases referred to Probation Officer	2	2	
Number of cases referred to DHSS	26	14	
Number of cases referred to Area Welfare	9	1	
Number of cases referred to Children's Department	4	3	
Misc. visits to surgeries etc.	293	181	

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

Details are given below of vaccination and immunisation carried out in the Urban District during 1970.

		1970	1969	1968	1967	63/66	others under 16yrs of age	TOTAL	1969
1.	Diphtheria Immunisation								
	(a) No. of children who received a course of primary protection, singly or in combination in 1970	96	818	287	35	65	103	1404	1164
	(b) No. of children who received reinforcing injections in 1970	61	403	438	59	1161	893	3015	3414
2.	Whooping Cough Immunisation								
	(a) No. of children who received a course of primary protection singly or in combination in 1970	96	800	278	28	39	9	1250	1078
	(b) Reinforcing Injections	4	197	296	29	260	49	835	937
3.	Tetanus Inoculation								
	(a) Primary	96	818	287	35	67	129	1432	1177
	(b) Reinforcing	61	407	440	62	1162	1014	3146	3563
	Poliomyelitis Vaccination								
	(a) Primary	103	822	286	23	48	134	1406	1134
	(b) Reinforcing	12	492	117	61	1069	1028	2779	3653
5.	Measles Vaccination	8	207	266	288	186	9	964	700

6. Smallpox Vaccination

0 – 3 months	4 – 6 months	7 – 9 months
–	1	2

9 – 12 months	1 year	2 – 4 years
1	337	403

5 – 15 years	TOTAL	1969
111	855	1113

7. Rubella – 13 years of age 90 nil

WELFARE FOODS DISTRIBUTION

This Authority is responsible for the distribution of Welfare Foods i.e. National Dried Milk, Cod Liver Oil, Orange Juice and Vitamins A and D. All 8 Clinics distribute these foods. Sales figures for 1970 are as follows:

	1970	1969
National Dried Milk	3,478	6,847
Cod Liver Oil	1,227	1,426
Orange Juice	29,892	28,797
Vitamins A and D	1,444	1,547
Sales	£7,300	£4,260

In addition, an approved range of proprietary foods are sold from these Centres. The more popular brands are all available, at very reasonable prices.

WELFARE OF THE BLIND AND PARTIALLY SIGHTED

The Council is required by the National Assistance Act, 1948, to maintain registers of the blind and partially sighted persons applying for assistance and to make adequate arrangements for their social welfare. A full-time Home Teacher for the Blind is employed by the Council and is seconded to the Walsall, West Bromwich and Aldridge-Brownhills Society for the Blind, who undertake all social work involved on an agency basis.

		1970	1969
Number registered as Blind as at 31st December, 1970	Male	56	53
	Female	74	74
	Total	130	127
Number registered as Partially Sighted at 31st December, 1970	Male	13	10
	Female	20	18
	Total	33	28

AGE PERIODS OF REGISTERED BLIND

Age Group	Male	Female	Total	
			1970	1969
below 1	-	-	—	-
1	-	-	—	-
2	-	-	—	-
3	-	-	—	-
4	-	-	—	-
5-10	2	2	4	5
11-15	3	1	4	3
16-20	—	-	—	-
21-29	1	1	2	4
30-39	6	-	6	3
40-49	3	1	4	6
50-59	13	5	18	16
60-64	4	6	10	9
65-69	2	6	8	7
70-74	6	9	15	30
75-79	5	7	12	
80-84	5	20	25	23
85-90	2	11	13	17
90 and over	4	5	9	4
TOTAL	56	74	130	127

Age Periods of Registered Partially Sighted

Age Group	Male	Female	Total	1969
0- 1	-	-	-	-
2- 4	-	-	-	-
5-15	4	3	7	5
16-20	-	1	1	1
21-49	2	3	5	6
50-64	5	1	6	3
65 and over	2	12	14	13
TOTAL	13	20	33	28

Distribution of Local Blind Persons

Category	Male	Female	Total	1969
Children under 5	-	-	-	-
Children attending School	4	-	4	4
Children in Sunshine Homes	-	2	2	1
Children ineducable	1	1	2	3
Employed in Open Industry	10	1	11	10
Employed in Workshop for Blind	5	-	5	5
Home Workers	1	-	1	11
Trainees	-	-	-	-
Mental Institutions and Hospitals	2	3	5	5
Remainder-not employed	33	67	100	94
TOTAL	56	74	130	127

WELFARE OF THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

Apart from the statutory requirement of keeping a register of handicapped persons who apply for assistance, the Council is obliged to make arrangements for their social welfare as follows:

1. assist handicapped persons to overcome the effects of their disabilities and to obtain any available general, preventive or remedial treatment, medical treatment which they appear to require

2 give advice and guidance to handicapped persons on personal problems and in connection with any services which appear to be avilable to them and of which they wish to take advantage.

3. encourage handicapped persons to take part in the activities of social centres, clubs or institutions.

4. use their best endeavours to arrange for voluntary workers to visit handicapped persons with a view to affording them comfort and encouragement and assistance in the solution of domestic and other problems confronting them.

Social Welfare is undertaken on an agency basis by the Church Mission to the Deaf and Dumb in Walsall, Wednesbury and Mid-Staffordshire.

Numbers on the registers at 31st December, 1970, were as follows:-

	Males	Females	Total	1969
Deaf	13	13	26	27
Hard of Hearing	11	8	19	14

WELFARE OF THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

At the end of the year 1970 there were 423 physically handicapped persons on the register. The following table analyses these cases as coded by the Disabled Persons Employment Act, 1944

Code	General Classes	Male	Female	1970	1969
A/E	Amputation	19	9	28	21
F	Arthritis and Rheumatism	34	109	143	130
G	Congenital Malformations and Deformities	10	13	23	19
H/L	Diseases of the Digestive and Genito-Urinary Systems; of the Heart or Circulatory System; of the Respiratory System (other than Tuberculosis) and of the skin.	48	35	83	73
Q/T	Injuries of the Head, Face, Neck, Thorax, Abdomen, Pelvis or Trunk. Injuries or diseases (other than Tuberculosis) of the Upper and Lower Limbs and of the Spine	34	16	50	50
V	Organic Nervous Diseases - Epilepsy Disseminated Sclerosis, Poliomyelitis, Hemiplegia, Sciatica, etc..	43	30	73	69
U/W	Neurosis, Psychoses and other Nervous Diseases and Mental Disorders not included in V.	4	4	8	6
X	Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	1	–	1	1
Y	Tuberculosis (Non-Respiratory)	3	–	3	3
Z	Diseases and Injuries not specified above.	3	8	11	10
TOTAL		199	224	423	382

Age Groups – all cases on Register

Age Groups	Male	Female	Total	
			1970	1969
0 - 15	9	4	13	9
16 - 29	10	13	23	23
30 - 49	43	34	77	71
50 - 64	73	66	139	133
65 –	64	107	171	146
Total	199	224	423	382

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FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Part 1 of the Act

1 INSPECTIONS for purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

	Particulars	Number on Register	Number of Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1)	Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(11)	Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	293 (286)	140 (151)	4 (9)	Nil
(111)	Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	TOTAL	293 (286)	140 (151)	4 (9)	Nil

2 Cases in which DEFECTS were found:

	No. of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	REFERRED to H.M. Inspector	REFERRED by H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	Nil (33)	*4 (20)	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)					
(b) Unsuitable or defective	4 (42)	*6 (32)	1	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	Nil (3)	Nil (3)	-	-	-
TOTALS	4 (78)	*10 (55)	1 (Nil)	-	-

*Includes notices brought forward from previous year

PART VIII of the Act — OUTWORK

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of work	Number of outworkers in August list required by section 133 (1) (c) (2)
Wearing Apparel - making etc.	9 (2)
Leather Goods	15 (15)
Metal Articles	1 (5)
Jewellery	9 (Nil)
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper	4 (1)
TOTAL	38 (23)

NO NOTICES OR PROSECUTIONS

HOUSING

(a) Much of my own time is taken up by applicants claiming medical priority for re-housing. Cases seen during the year are analysed in the following table:

Classification	Transfers		New Cases		Welfare		Rejected	Total Housing Enquiries
	Recommended	Re-housed	Recommended	Re-housed	Recommended	Re-housed		
Physical	16	24	12	13	1	5	4	
Tuberculosis	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	
Mental	11	14	9	5	1	-	3	
TOTAL 1970	28	39	22	19	2	5	7	59
1969	36	28	19	22	2	2	14	71

* Recommended 1969. Re-housed 1970

(b) The number of houses erected

			1969
(a)	By Local Authority	280	199
(b)	By other Authority	Nil	Nil
(c)	By private enterprise	176	175
		456	374

The number of houses in course of erection at the end of 1970

(a)	By Local Authority	158	219
(b)	By other Authority	Nil	Nil
(c)	By private enterprise	358	371
		513	590

LABORATORY SERVICES

The Public Health Laboratory Service is at Martin Street, Stafford. (Stafford 4377) and the Chemical Laboratory is at the County Buildings, Stafford. (Stafford 3121)

MIDWIVES INCINERATOR

A new gas-fired incinerator has been installed at the rear of Aldridge Clinic. This replaces the obsolete incinerator that was situated at the rear of the Council House.

189 Placentae were disposed of during the year (212 in 1969).

MEALS ON WHEELS

One of the vehicles was replaced during the year with a new mini-van. The two vehicles in use are manned by part-time drivers and the voluntary helpers are provided by the W.R.V.S. under the guidance of Mrs. E. Hunt, the District Organiser.

Meals are obtained from factory canteens in the area. There has been a slight increase in the cost of the meals, but this increased cost has not been passed on to the recipients.

The number of meals served during 1970 was as follows :—

		1969
Aldridge Area	6,929	6,933
Brownhills Area	6,248	5,686
Brownhills Luncheon Club	1,144	1,555
Pelsall Luncheon Club	1,276	1,093
Blind Centre, Walsall Wood	695	684
	16,292	15,951

MORTUARIES

170 (65 at Aldridge and 105 at Brownhills) bodies were received into the two mortuaries (143 in 1969).

The Aldridge Mortuary Attendent retired during the year. The Brownhills Attendent has since been attending both mortuaries.

AGE GROUP	DISEASE			
	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Menigitis	Dysentery
Under 1	36	1	1	–
1 year	103	3	–	–
2 years	157	3	–	1
3 years	145	3	–	1
4 years	150	5	–	–
5–9 years	501	27	–	3
10–14 years	9	3	–	–
15–24 years	2	2	–	–
25 years and over	3	2	1	1
TOTAL 1970	1106	49	2	6
TOTAL 1969	152	147	3	46

	Whooping Cough	Typhoid Fever	Food Poisoning	Infective Jaundice	Tuberculosis	Ophthalmia Neonatorum
Under 5	70	–	–	1	–	1
5–14 years	56	–	–	8	1	–
15–44 years	4	1	4	9	9	–
45–64 years	–	–	1	1	7	–
65 years and over	–	–	–	–	2	–
TOTAL 1970	130	1	5	19	19	1
TOTAL 1969	4	–	11	94	12	–

TUBERCULOSIS

Numbers on the Tuberculosis Register at 31st December 1970 were as follows

Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary		
Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
156	111	267	17	17	34
TOTAL CASES 301			(TOTAL CASES 1969 – 359)		

VEHICLES FOR THE HANDICAPPED AND ELDERLY

The specially equipped ambulance donated in 1966 by Aldridge Rotary Club and Round Table continues to operate, altough it is now coming to the end of its useful life. It continues to be used by voluntary organisations for the physically handicapped and to take children to the Megan de Bouisson Nursery at Walsall Wood. The Chairman of the Council has a fund for the replacement of the ambulance. A full-time driver is employed for this vehicle.

In May the Local Authority purchased a Bedford 17 seater Personnel Carrier which is used by the Over 60 Clubs. A part-time lady driver is employed.

Both vehicles are made use of on a rota basis for regular events and outings.

Needless to say the service is greatly appreciated by all concerned.

Megan de Bouisson Nursery	Monday and Thursday mornings
Pelsall Handicapped	Monday afternoons weekly. Alternate Wednesday Evenings
Pheasey Over 60	Monday afternoons weekly
Streetly Over 60	Wednesday afternoons weekly.
Streetly Physically Handicapped	2nd Wednesday afternoon monthly, 1st Monday evening monthly.
Brownhills Physically Handicapped	Friday afternoons fortnightly, 2nd Tuesday evening monthly.
Aldridge Over 60	Thursday afternoons weekly.
Aldridge Physically Handicapped	3rd Tuesday evening monthly
Pheasey Physically Handicapped	2nd and 4th Thursday afternoons monthly, 3rd Monday evening monthly.
Rushall Over 60	1st, 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings monthly
Day Centre for Blind	Fridays fortnightly
The Limes Home for the Aged	Occasional Trips.

WATER

The following information has kindly been supplied by Mr. James Lamont, B.Sc., M.I.C.E., Engineer in Chief of the South Staffordshire Waterworks Company.

1 The supply to the Urban District of Aldridge-Brownhills has been satisfactory in quality and quantity

The supply is derived from one pumping station (Bourne Vale) within and from others outside the boundaries of the Authority. A proportion of water of surface origin is also supplied to parts of the district.

Regular and frequqnet samples, both bacteriological and chemical, are examined from the pumping stations. Bacteriological samples of the raw water are also examined where possible. During 1970, 47 samples of chlorinated water from Bourne Vale Pumping Station were all free from coliform bacteria, and chemical results were satisfactory. Samples of the raw water are not obtainable owing to the method of chlorination at this station.

Routine samples were also examined from the Barr Beacon Reservoirs and from tap samples at Aldridge, Municipal Buildings, Brownhills, High Street, Clayhanger, and Norton Canes.

132 samples were examined from Barr Beacon Reservoirs, all of which were free from coliform bacteria. 17 samples from Aldridge, 13 from Brownhills, 13 from Clayhanger and 11 from Norton Canes were also satisfactory. In addition, 31 samples were examined from the Norton Canes area and 40 from Walsall Wood. All were free from coliform bacteria.

2 Sterilisation of waters is carried out where possible at the pumping stations as a precautionary measure. Special apparatus and staff are available in the event of contamination. Chlorination on site is practised following burst mains, etc., laying of new mains and emptying reservoirs. New mains etc. are not brought into use until the water has been examined and pronounced satisfactoy.

3 The number of dwelling houses supplied from public water mains at 31st December 1970 was 27,580. There are no dwellings supplied from outside standpipes in the area. The population is estimated at 3.07 persons per house.

4. The naturally occurring flouride content of the water at Aldridge was 0.09 p.p.m.

The average chemical results for 1970 of the tap samples from Aldridge, Brownhills and Norton Canes were:-

	Aldridge	Brownhills	Norton Canes
pH	7.4	7.6	7.8
		parts per million	
Alkalinity ($CaCO_3$)	138	126	88
Chlorides (Cl)	28.6	31.6	18.8
Ammonical Nitrogen (N)	Trace	Trace	Trace
Albuminoid Nitrogen (N)	.046	Trace	Trace
Oxidised Nitrogen (N)	7.3	12.0	3.8
Oxygen Absorbed (3hr at 27%C)	.52	.12	.12
Temporary Hardness	138	126	88
Permanent Hardness	111	134	54
Total Hardness	249	260	142
Iron (Fe)	.13	Nil	Trace
Manganese (Mn)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Lead (Pb)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Fluoride (F)	0.09	-	-

The waters are not liable to plumbo-solvency, no lead being found in any of the tap samples examined

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SCHOOL POPULATION

The number of pupils on the registers of maintained schools (including nursery schools) at the end of the year was 17,456.

Nursery Schools	1
Infants departments	13
Infant & Junior departments	16
Junior Departments	10
Secondary Modern Schools	8
Secondary Grammar Schools	2
Special Schools	1

INFORMATION OBTAINED BY MEDICAL INSPECTIONS

(Since 1st September, 1970.)

Physical Condition

The physical condition of the children examined at periodic medical inspections is shown in Table 1.A. in the statistical tables at the end of this report.

Uncleanliness

At periodic cleanliness inspections of children 9,821 examinations were made and 20 individual pupils were found to be infested. There were no cleansing notices issued.

Tonsils and Adenoids

At periodical and special examinations 9 children were found to be suffering from enlarged tonsils and/or adenoids and were referred for examination by a specialist. During the period 17 children received operative treatment through arrangements made by the School Health Service. In addition there were 21 children who required only medical treatment and/or observation.

Skin Diseases

Eight cases of skin disease (dermatitis, impetigo, urticaria, ringworm, etc.,) were discovered at medical inspections and found to require treatment.

Defective Vision and Squint

Ten cases of defective vision including one squint were discovered at routine and special medical examinations and were referred for treatment.

The Ophthalmic Clinic is held each Friday morning at Aldridge Clinic, Leighswood Road, Aldridge, except the 6th Friday when the clinic is held at Pheasey Welfare Centre, Beacon Road, Great Barr. There is also an Ophthalmic Clinic held on alternate Wednesday afternoons at Shelfield Clinic, Coalheath Lane, Shelfield. During the period 321 children had refractions carried out by the School Ophthalmic Surgeon who prescribed glasses for 111 children.

Ear Diseases and Defective Hearing

At routine medical inspections during the period, 27 cases in this category were found to require treatment and all were referred to the E.N.T. Specialist, 6 children were referred to hospital for treatment.

ADDITIONAL EXAMINATIONS

Medical Inspection prior to admission to Training Colleges

During the period 19 pupils had a Special medical examination before admission to colleges for training for the teaching profession, as required by the Department of Education and Science. All the pupils were declared medically fit for admission to a training college.

Medical Inspection of new entrants to the Teaching Profession

During the period, 3 medical examinations, which included a chest X-ray, as required by the Department of Education and Science, were carried out on new entrants to the teaching profession within the Excepted District. All were found to be fit.

Children attending School Camps

During the period, 13 children were medically examined before attending organised School Camps

Education Department Employees

During the period, 68 questionnaires were completed by prospective employees in the Education Department. Four of this number had full medical examinations carried out and all were found fit for employment.

PHYSIOTHERAPY

The physiotherapists provide treatment at the Brownhills and Pelsall Clinics, as shown below :-

Brownhills Clinic, Pier Street, Brownhills
(Mrs. M. Lewis)

Breathing exercises and Remedial Exercises, clinics are held on -

Alternate Fridays 9.15 – 12.00 noon.

Attendances during the period were as follows :-

Children	6	Breathing exercises
	7	Remedial exercises
Total Attendances	45	During the Period

Pelsall Clinic, High Street, Pelsall.
(Mrs. Mallet)

Breathing and Remedial exercises held on :-

Tuesday 9.15 – 12.00 noon

Attendances during the period were as follows :-

Children	7	Breathing exercises
	16	Remedial exercises
Total Attendances	55	During the period

SPEECH THERAPY

During the period Speech Therapy sessions were held at the following clinics :-
(The number of children treated by the speech therapist was 269)

Aldridge	1 session	Friday	9.00 – 12.00
Brownhills	1 session	Monday	2.00 – 4.30
	1 session	Thursday	9.00 – 12.00
Pelsall	1 session	Tuesday	2.00 – 4.30
Shelfield	1 session	Tuesday	9.00 – 12.00
High Heath School	1 session	Fortnightly.	

CHIROPODY SERVICE

Children requiring chiropody were treated by the chiropodist at the Aldridge Clinic on a Friday afternoon and at Pelsall Clinic on a Wednesday morning.

CHILD GUIDANCE

In 1970, 51 children were referred to the Child Guidance Clinic, Sandford Street, Lichfield. At the end of the year there were 4 children awaiting appointments with the Psychiatrist.

MINOR AILMENT CLINICS

During the year the minor ailments clinics in the District operated as follows :-

Aldridge Clinic	Wednesday	9.30 – 12.00 (Dr. attends alternate weeks)
Brownhills Clinic	Monday	9.30 – 12.00 (Dr. attends alternate weeks)
Pelsall Clinic	Monday	9.30 – 12.00 (Dr. attends alternate weeks)
Pheasey Clinic	Wednesday	9.30 – 12.00 (Dr. attends alternate weeks)
Shelfield Clinic	Thursday	9.30 – 12.00 (Dr. attends alternate weeks)
Streetly Clinic	Friday	9.30 – 12.00 (Dr. attends 1st Friday in each month)
Walsall Wood Clinic	Thursday	9.30 – 12.00 (Dr. attends 3rd Thursday in each month)

The cases dealt with are included in Table III at the end of this report. During the period the number of attendances at the various minor ailment clinics was 610.

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

Statistics regarding children inspected and treated during the year are given at the end of this report in table IV.

INSPECTION OF SCHOOL PREMISES

Inspections of school premises are carried out by the department medical officers when visiting the schools for the medical inspection of pupils. For the convenience of the medical and teaching staffs these inspections are usually carried out on the last day of the visit.

During the period, 5 such inspections were made and a total of 6 defects in 2 schools were reported to the Divisional Education Officer for information and appropriate action.

Inspections of school premises are carried out under the standards for school premises regulations, 1959, which lay down standards for accomodation, washing facilities, toilets, water supply (both hot and cold), lighting, ventilation, temperature, conditions of playgrounds, cleanliness, etc.

X-RAY OF KITCHEN STAFF

During the period, 63 members of the school meals service kitchen staff were X-rayed at the Chest Clinic under the scheme whereby each applicant for a post in this service must be declared free from pulmonary infection radiographically before being appointed. All were examined by a Medical Officer to ensure freedom from infection.

Medical Inspection of Pupils attending Maintained Primary and Secondary Schools (Including Special Schools). Period 1st September – 31st December, 1970.

TABLE I

Part A – PERIODIC MEDICAL INSPECTIONS

Age Groups Inspected (By year of Birth)	No. of Pupils Inspected	Physical Condition of Pupils Inspected	
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1965 & later	130	130	–
1964	149	149	–
1963	21	21	–
1956	420	420	–
1955 & earlier	148	148	–
TOTAL	868	868	–

Column 3 as a percentage of Column 2 - 100%

Column 4 as a percentage of Column 2 - Nil%

Part B – PUPILS FOUND TO REQUIRE TREATMENT AT PERIODIC MEDICAL INSPECTIONS (Excluding Dental Diseases and Infestation with vermin)

Age groups Inspected (By year of Birth)	For Defective Vision (excluding squint)	For any of the other conditions recorded on Table II	Total Individual Pupil
1965 & later	3	36	37
1964	12	39	51
1963	–	4	4
1956	26	69	93
1955 & earlier	19	33	52
TOTAL	60	181	237

Part C – OTHER INSPECTIONS

Number of Special Inspections	1
Number of Re-Inspections	438
TOTAL	439

Part D – INFESTATION WITH VERMIN

Total number of individual examinations of pupils in schools by School Nurses or other authorised persons	9,821
Total number of individual pupils found to be infested	20
Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54(2), Education Act 1944)	Nil
Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing orders were issued (Section 54(3), Education Act, 1944)	Nil

TABLE II

Return of Defects found by Medical Inspection during the Period 1st September – 31st December, 1970.

Part A – PERIODIC INSPECTIONS

Defect of Disease	ENTRANTS		LEAVERS		TOTAL	
	Requiring Treatment	Requiring Observation	Requiring Treatment	Requiring Observation	Requiring Treatment	Requiring Observation
Skin	7	4	22	3	29	7
EYES (a) Vision	15	6	64	20	79	26
(b) Squint	6	–	6	–	12	–
(c) Other	–	1	1	–	1	1
EARS (a) Hearing	7	1	5	–	12	1
(b) Otitis Media	8	5	–	–	8	5
(c) Other	3	2	1	–	4	2
Nose & Throat	21	33	12	8	33	41
Speech	20	3	–	1	20	4
Lymphatic Glands	–	1	1	–	1	1
Heart	1	–	1	1	2	1
Lungs	7	13	7	2	14	15
DEVELOPMENT (a) Hernia	1	1	–	–	1	1
(b) Other	–	2	1	1	1	3
ORTHOPAEDIC (a) Posture	–	1	2	5	2	6
(b) Feet	1	–	14	4	15	4
(c) Other	–	1	6	2	6	3
NERVOUS SYSTEM (a) Epilepsy	–	–	2	–	2	–
(b) Other	3	1	8	–	11	1
PSYCHOLOGICAL (a) Development	–	2	–	–	–	2
(b) Stability	3	29	2	8	5	37
ABDOMEN	3	–	3	–	6	–
OTHER	–	1	4	–	4	1

1 Special inspection required for 1 case of skin disease.

TABLE III

Treatment of Pupils attending Maintained Primary and Secondary Schools (Including Nursery Schools)

Part A – Eye Diseases, Defective Vision and Squint

	Number of cases known to have been dealt with
External and other, excluding errors of refraction and squint.	72
Errors of refraction (including squint	249
TOTAL	321
Number of pupils for whom spectacles were prescribed	111

Part B – Diseases and Defects of Ear, Nose and Throat

	Number of cases known to have been dealt with
Received operative treatment for-	
Diseases of the ear	6
Adenoids and chronic tonsillitis	17
Other nose and throat conditions	–
Received other forms of treatment	3
TOTAL	26
Total number of pupils in schools who are known to have been provided with hearing aids – In 1970	1
In previous years	14

Part C – Orthopaedic and Postural Defects

	Number of cases known to have been dealt with
Pupils treated at school clinics or out-patients department	–
Pupils treated at school or physiotherapist clinics for postural defects	47
TOTAL	47

Part D – Diseases of the Skin (excluding uncleanliness, for which see part D Table 1)

		Number of cases known to have been dealt with
RINGWORM	(a) Scalp	–
	(b) Body	–
SCABIES		4
Impetigo		4
Other Skin Diseases		271
TOTAL		279

Part E – Child Guidance Treatment (For the whole of 1970)

	Number of cases known to have been treated
Pupils treated at Child Guidance Clinics	51

TABLE III contd.

Part F – Speech Therapy

	Number of cases known to have been treated
Pupils treated by Speech Therapists	269

Part G – Other Treatment given

	Number of cases known to have been dealt with
Pupils with minor ailments	166
Pupils who received convalescence treatment under School Health Service arrangements	1
TOTAL	167

TABLE IV

Dental Inspection and Treatment carried out by the Authority during 1970.

The dental Officers devoted 855 sessions to treatment and 13 sessions to inspections

INSPECTIONS	Pupils
(a) First inspection at school	1,707
(b) First inspection at clinic	2,071
(c) Number found to require treatment (a + b)	2,542
(d) Number offered treatment (a + b)	1,719
(e) Re-inspections at school clinic	261
(f) Number of these found to require treatment	229
Attendances and Treatment	
First visit	2,244
Subsequent visit	2,809
Total visits	5,053
Additional courses of treatment	112
Fillings in permanent teeth	3,448
Fillings in deciduous teeth	1,029
Permanent teeth filled	2,933
Deciduous teeth filled	869
Permanent teeth extracted	764
Deciduous teeth extracted	2,496
General anaesthetics	999
Emergencies	351
Number of pupils X-rayed	157
Prophylaxis	241
Teeth otherwise conserved	349
Number of teeth root filled	9
Inlays	3
Crowns	10
Course of treatment completed	1,524
ORTHODONTICS	
New cases commenced during the year	36
Cases completed during the year	13
Cases discontinued during the year	5
Number of removable appliances fitted	36
Number of fixed appliances fitted	20
Number of pupils referred to hospital consultants	20

TABLE VI

(i) NUMBER OF SCHOOL CLINICS (i.e. premises at which clinics are held for school children) provided by the Local Education Authority for the medical and dental examination and treatment of pupils attending maintained primary and secondary schools.

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(ii) TYPE OF EXAMINATION AND/OR TREATMENT provided at the school clinics either directly by the Authority or under arrangements made with the Regional Hospital Board for examination and/or treatment to be carried out at the clinic.

Examination and/or treatment	Number of clinics provided directly by the Authority
Minor Ailment and other non-specialist examination or treatment	7
Asthma	–
Audiology	–
Audiometry	–
Chiropody	2
Ear, Nose and Throat	4
Enuretic	–
Ophthalmic	3
Orthopaedic	–
Orthoptic	–
Paediatric	–
Physiotherapy & Remedial Exercises	2
Speech Therapy	4
School Medical Officers Special Examinations	7
Sun Ray (U.V.L.)	–
Vaccination & Immunisation	7

TABLE VII

RETURN OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

During the calender year ended 31st December, 1970.			Blind (1)	P.S. (2)	Deaf (3)	Pt. Hg. (4)	P.H. (5)	Del (6)	Mal (7)	E.S.N. (8)	Epil (9)	Sp. Def. (10)	Total (11)
How many handicapped children were newly assessed as needing special educational treatment at special schools or in boarding homes		B	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	4	–	–	8
		G	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	2
How many children were newly placed in special schools (Other than hospital Special schools or boarding homes? see note	(1) of those included at A above	B	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–		1
		G	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
	(2) of those assessed prior to January 1970.	B	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	1	–	–	2
		G	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
	(3) TOTAL newly placed – B (i) and (ii)	B	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	1	–	–	3
		G	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

CHILDREN FOUND UNSUITABLE FOR EDUCATION AT SCHOOL – NIL

TABLE VIII

Handicapped Pupils awaiting places or receiving Education in Special Schools on 31st December, 1970.

	(1) Blind (2) Pt. sighted		(3) Deaf (4) Pt. hearing		(5) Physically Handicapped (6) Delicate		(7) Maladjusted (8) E.S.N.		(9) Epileptic (10) Speech Defect		TOTAL
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
(A) Waiting prior to 1st Jan. 1970.											
(a) whose parents had refused consent to admission	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	–	–	4 Day
	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	– Res.
(b) Others	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	2 Day
	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	– Res.
Newly assessed since 1st Jan.											
(c) whose parents had refused consent to their admission	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	1 Day
	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	– Res.
(d) Others	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	–	–	3 Day
	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 Res.
(e) TOTALS	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	10	–	–	10 Day
	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 Res.
All the above children are over 5 years of age											
(B) Pupils from the excepted district on the registers of maintained schools (except hospitals and special classes or units.	–	–	1	–	2	2	–	53	–	–	58 Day
	–	–	1	–	10	–	7	7	–	–	25 Res.
(C) Non-maintained Special Schools	1	1	–	–	6	–	–	1	–	–	9 Day
	3	1	2	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	8 Res.
(D) Independent schools under arrangements made by the Authority	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	– Day
	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	2 Res.
(E) No. of handicapped children receiving home tuition	2	–	–	–	2	3	–	–	–	–	7

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To: The Chairman & Members, Aldridge-Brownhills Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my report on the work of the Department for the year ending December 31st, 1970.

This year was marked by several upheavals not least of which was the sudden death on March 1st, 1970, of Mr. K. B. Williams, who had served both the previous authorities over a period of many years. He was a most conscientious and loyal officer and his premature decease left a very wide gap.

A national Strike by the Refuse Collection Employees threatened to bring the collection service to a standstill but in view of the fact that the Union decided not to come out in force but to select authorities for strike action, we were fortunate. Altough surrounding authorities were in fact badly hit, there was no extention of the strike to this authority and I feel we should all be grateful. Altough preparations had been made in advance to minimise the risks to the Health of the Public should a strike occur, it is much more satisfactory that the emergency provisions were not required.

Also later in the year was an unusual incident in which an explosion occurred in a mine shaft now used for the disposal of liquid wastes. This caused a great deal of alarm among residents of the district surrounding the area and was responsible for very natural fears among those people concerning their safety. Liaison with the Factory Inspectorate, the National Coal Board, and the Fire Brigade was necessitated and close control of the gases in the shaft was undertaken by the Mines Division of the National Coal Board who have advised the company concerned over safety precautions to be instituted.

This problem highlights the difficulties facing Industry and Local Authorities today. The needs of our society demand that processes are undertaken in our factories which result in waste materials being produced which can contaminate. The safe disposal of these waste products is something which concerns us all and it is with some satisfaction that this year saw the Government set up a Royal Commission to investigate pollution levels and enviromental pollution of all kinds. Its reports will be awaited with interest.

The refuse service was extended during this year to cover the Councils duties under the Civic Amenities Act and a regular collection service was instituted in order to clear the whole of the District of litter. This task is one which is never completed since the habit of dumping seems to be fairly rooted. On the other hand it is pleasing to record that the Clayhanger Improvement which was put under way during the year resulted in a great visual improvement to that area. Altough free access to the tip was given there has not been any evidence of abuse to the tip entrance such as was feared. This reclaimation scheme was well under way at the end of the year and I now anxiously await the implementation of the Clayhanger Relief Sewer which will make possible the extention of the Reclamation Scheme to a very substanial level.

There was a considerable amount of interest displayed at National levels in the high levels of pollution of all kinds which threaten our present way of life. As I have already mentionedt a Royal Comission on Enviromental pollution was set up during the year and it is my sincere hope that the terms of reference are broad enough to ensure that exhaustive enquiries into all forms of pollution are covered and that some firm recommendation will arise in due course.

The department was under strength for the majority of the year due to the death of Mr. Williams and the resignation of Mrs. Bracey. Despite this, the department continued to maintain its routine tasks in Meat Inspection, Food Control and Housing Duties.

There was no variation in the level of other routine duties which continued as in previous years.

Your obedient servant,

H. C. Perkins

Chief Public Health Inspector

		1970	1969
1	Inspection of dwelling houses during the year.		
(1)	(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under Public Health Acts or Housing Acts	63	44
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	969	576
(2)	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	40	19
(3)	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	25	30
(4)	Houses on which undertakings were given and completed	nil	nil
	Houses on which undertakings were given and have not been completed	nil	nil
2	Remedy of Defects during the year without service of formal notice		
	Number of dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	75	28
3	Action under Statutory Powers during the year		
(a)	Proceedings under Sections, 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act 1957:		
	(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	nil	nil
	(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:		
	(a) By owners	nil	nil
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	nil	nil
(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Act:		
	(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	25	30
	(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices		
	(a) By owners	9	22
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	nil	nil
(c)	Proceedings under Sections 17,23 and 42 of the Housing Act 1957		
	(1) Number of houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	2	3
	(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	2	9
	(3) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Clearance Orders	104	31
	(4) Number of dwelling houses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders	2	3
	(5) Houses demolished on land acquired under Section 43(2) of the Housing Act 1957	nil	nil
	(6) Local authority owned houses demolished for redevelopment and road widening purposes	33	67

SITUATION OF PROPERTIES DEALT WITH

As shown above

INDIVIDUAL UNFIT PROPERTIES REPORTED TO COMMITTEE

2 Beech Tree Road, Walsall Wood.
30 Vicarage Road, Brownhills.

CLEARANCE AREAS REPORTED TO COMMITTEE

Aldridge-Brownhills (Shortland Lane, Pelsall) Clearance Area Number 61

1, 1a & 3 Shortland Lane, Pelsall.

Aldridge-Brownhills (Green Lane, Shelfield) Clearance Area Number 62

49, 51 & 53 Green Lane, Shelfield.

Aldridge-Brownhills (Pauls Coppice and Commonside, Brownhills) Clearance Area Number 63

43 Pauls Coppice, Brownhills & 82 Commonside, Brownhills.

Aldridge-Brownhills (Whetstone Lane, Aldridge) Clearance Area Number 64

44, 46 & 48 Whetstone Lane, Aldridge.

Aldridge-Brownhills (Church Road, Pelsall) Clearance Area Number 65

8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, & 18 Church Road, Pelsall.

Aldridge-Brownhills (Church Road, Pelsall) Clearance Area Number 66

31 & 32 Church Road, Pelsall.

Aldridge-Brownhills (Seeds Lane, Brownhills) Clearance Area Number 67

36,38, 40, 42 & 44 Seeds Lane, Brownhills

Aldridge-Brownhills (Lichfield Road, Walsall Wood) Clearance Area Number 68

130, 132 & 134 Lichfield Road, Walsall Wood.

Aldridge-Brownhills (Vicarage Road, Brownhills) Clearance Area Number 69

34, 36 & 38 Vicarage Road, Brownhills.

Aldridge-Brownhills (Vicarage Road, Brownhills) Clearance Area Number 70

42, 44, 46 & 48 Vicarage Road, Brownhills.

HOUSES DEMOLISHED

CLEARANCE AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDERS

12 & 14 Wilkin Road, Brownhills
6–16 King Street, Walsall Wood
86, 88 & 90 Lindon Road, Brownhills
99,100, 101, 102 & 103 Watling Street, Brownhills
122–134 Lichfield Road, Brownhills
17–27 Clayhanger Road, Brownhills
59–67 Beech Tree Road, Walsall Wood
9 & 11 Vigo Road, Walsall Wood
51–57 Vigo Road, Walsall Wood
10–20 Castle Street, Brownhills
46–50 Watling Street, Brownhills
28–42 Watling Street, Brownhills
64–74 Coronation Road, High Heath, Pelsall
39 & 41 Bridge Street, Clayhanger
47 & 49 Coppice Road, Walsall Wood
127–157 Leighswood Row, Aldridge
70–92 New Street, Shelfield
63 &65 Coppice Road, Walsall Wood
108 Coronation Road, High Heath
180, 184, 185 & 186 Watling Street, Brownhills
31 & 33 Camden Street, Walsall Wood

INDIVIDUAL DEMOLITION ORDERS

20 & 22 Beech Tree Road, Walsall Wood

ACQUIRED PROPERTY FOR REDEVELOPMENT OR ROAD WIDENING PURPOSES

186 & 188 Pelsall Road, Brownhills
Harmony Stores, High Street, Aldridge
7 & 9 Watling Street, Brownhills
141–147 Walsall Road, Walsall Wood
25–29 Lichfield Road, Shelfield
45 Howdles Lane, Brownhills
46–56 High Street, Brownhills
68 & 70 High Street, Brownhills
67 & 69 Lichfield Road, Walsall Wood
233–239 Lichfield Road, Shelfield
111–121 Lichfield Road, Shelfield

FOOD COMPLAINTS

44 Food complaints were investigated during the year. In the following cases the evidence was sufficiently strong to support the institution of legal proceedings.

Article	Condition	Manufacturer	Retailer	Result of Case
Bottle of Mineral Water	Foreign Bodies	Tizer Ltd.	Cafe, 29 High Street, Walsall Wood.	£5. Fine
Loaf of Bread	Discolouration	S.J. Stanton & Sons Ltd.	S.J. Stanton & Sons Ltd.	£20. Fine £10.10s Costs
Loaf of Bread	Mouldy	William Price & Sons Ltd.	William Price & Sons Ltd.	£10. Fine
Loaf of Bread	Foreign Body	– do –	– do –	£25 Fine
2 Loaves of Bread	Mouldy	– do –	– do –	£10. Fine
Loaf of Bread	Foreign Body	Wonder Baking Ltd.	Wonder Baking Ltd.	£20. Fine

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

Food Premises

Inspection and Supervision of:	1970	1969
Number of Food Shops and Food Preparation Rooms Inspected	771	942
Number of Contraventions Found	760	630
Number of Notices Served	99	125
Number of Improvements	308	472
Number of Notices Completed	79	111
Inspections made re: Unsound Food	123	278

The Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures of Staffordshire County Council has kindly supplied the following information.

The Food and Drugs Act, 1955

ALDRIDGE-BROWNHILLS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Details of samples procured during, 1970.

No. of samples taken	244
No. of samples genuine	236
No. of samples adulterated	8

Almonds
Apple & Blackcurrant Jam
Apple Pudding
Asperin B.P.
American Frankfurters
Apple Juice
Apple Squash

Butter (6)
Butter flavour Ready Brek
Black Pudding (2)
Boiled Ham
Brown Rye Crispbreads
Beef Casserole
Beefburgers
Butter Beans
Butter Puffs
Brussel Sprouts
Blackcurrants in Syrup (2)
Beefburgers with Cheese
Black Olives in Brine
Blueberry Pie Filling
Beef Curry with Rice

Crisps – Smoky Bacon flavour
Crisps – Crispy Bacon flavour
Cooking Oil
Cheddar Cheese Spread
Custard
Chicken Spread
Curry with Chicken & Mushrooms
Cherry Pie Filling
Cottage Pie
Cheese Spread with Ham
Cheese Spread with Tomato
Corned Beef Loaf
Cocktail Onions
Cheeselets
Corned Beef
Chicken Rissoles
Cod Steaks
Creamed Macaroni Milk Pudding

Carrots
Compound Fat
Cod Fillets
Cider Vinegar
Corn Oil
Cod in Butter Sauce
Calamine Lotion B.P.
Crunchy Peanut Butter
Curry Biscuits
Creamed Horseradish
Chestnut Puree

Danish Blue Cheese (2)
Danish Butter (3)
Dairy Butter
Double Cream
Dried Mixed Vegetables
Dried Apple Desert
Dried Skimmed Milk
Demerara Sugar
Derby Sage Cheese
Dried Sliced Onions
Dried Peas

Egg Noodles

Fruit Sauce
Frozen Mixed Vegetables
Fruit Malt Loaf
Fish Cakes
Fish Fingers
Frankfurters
Flan fill
Farmhouse Cheddar cheese
Fried Potato Crisps
Faggots in Rich Sauce
Farlene Baby Food
Fruit Shorties

Garlis Sausage
Ginger Beef
Gravy Mix Cubes

Guava Syrup
Greengage conserve
Ground Rice
Gin (9)

Ham – cured shoulder
Ham Tivoli
Honey
Hot Curry Powder

Ice Cream (3)
Instant non-fat milk
Irish Stew
Instant low fat skimmed milk
Irish Butter

Jaffa Grapefruit segments in Syrup

Krusty Krumbs

Low Fat Spread
Lard (7)
Lemon & Lime Drink (2)
Lime Flavour Sweets
Lime Layer Cake
Loose Danish Butter
Leek Soup
Lemon Whip Crunch
Laxative Tablets

Margarine (10)
Malt Vinegar
Mixed Vegetables Washed
Memo Wafers
Marmalade
Malted Fruit Loaf (2)
Margarine with 10% Butter (3)
Minced Beef with Onions & Gravy
Mashed Potato Mix (2)
Milk Chocolate'Mallows
Mandarin Oranges in light Syrup
Malted Milk
Mincemeat flavoured with brandy
Mixed Dried Fruit
Milk of Magnesia
Mincemeat

Oxtail Soup
Old English Grill

Pork Sausage containing peservative (6)
Peeled Tomatoes (3)
Piccalilli (2)
Polony Snacks
Prunes (3)

Pork Pie
Pickled Onions
Pork Luncheon Meat
Pineapple Squash
Pineapple Fingers in heavy syrup
Potato crisps – salt & vinegar flavour
Pineapple dessert bits in heavy syrup
Porkburgers
Puff Pastry
Pure English Butter
Polish Rings
Paprika
Pimentoes

Quick Brew Tea

Raspberry Low Fat Yogurt
Roast Pork Dripping
Rice Pudding with Cream
Rum (9)

Stuffed Pork Roll
Steaklets containing preservative
Salmon Fish Cakes
Shredded Beef Suet
Stoned Dates
Scottish Raspberries in heavy syrup
Sterilised Cream
Savoury Cornish Pasty
Salmon Spread
Sultana Sponge Pudding
Semolina
Spaghetti with Tomato & Cheese Sauce
Strawberries in heavy syrup
Steak & Kidney Pie
Steak & Vegetable Pie
Self Raising Flour
Steak Mince
Strawberry Jelly
Strawberry flavour Instant Oats

Tea (5)
Tomato Soup (2)
Toffee Popcorn
Tomato Piquant
'Tenda' Burgers
Tortellini

Vinegar with Caramel

Whole Orange Drink
Whisky (9)

Xmas pudding

Young Carrots

Particulars of Aldulterated Samples

68 B/Q – Crispy Bacon Flavour Crisps	
Contained colouring matter which was not declared in the list of ingredients.	Colouring matter to be omitted from further packets of crisps
61 B/R – Pork Sausage containing pres.	
4.3% deficient of its proper proportion of meat	Manufacturers cautioned.
77 B/R – Stoned Dates	
Contained foreign body, which was found to consist of a mixture of cotton and cellulose acetate fibres, dyed blue in parts.	No further action possible.
82 B/R – Margarine	
Contained 0.1% in excess of the 16% of water permitted.	Manufacturers cautioned.
35 B/Q – Tomato Soup	
Deficient in Tomato	Investigations proceeding.
37 B/Q – Tomato Soup	
Deficient in Tomato	Investigations proceeding.
7 B/W – Fish Fingers	
13.9% Deficient of fish content	Taken at the request of the Public Analyst for comparison.
6 B/A – Pork Sausage containing pres.	
18.8% deficient of its proper proportion of meat.	Prosecuted – Fined £25 – Costs £7.10.0

UNSOUND FOODS

The following foods were inspected and found unfit for human consuption:

	Tons	Cwts	Lbs
Canned Meats	–	3	34
Other canned foods	–	12	87
Frozen foods due to refrigerator breakdown	14	18	81
Total	15 (46)	14 (1)	90 (77)

PASTEURISED MILK

		Methylene Blue Test		Phosphatase Test	
	Total	Satis	Unsatis	Satis	Unsatis
Schools	34	32	2	34	–
Hospitals, Homes etc.	4	4	–	4	–
	38 (40)	36 (40)	2 (–)	38 (40)	– (–)

CARCASE AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR PART

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number Killed	1,208 (1,417)	15 (32)	5,497 (6,155)	4,138 (4,742)
Number Inspected	1,208 (1,417)	15 (32)	5,497 (6,155)	4,138 (4,742)
All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci				
Whole carcases condemned	– (–)	– (–)	3 (2)	2 (1)
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	197 (265)	1 (2)	101 (258)	444 (465)
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis	16.3% (18.6%)	6.61% (6.3%)	1.9% (4.1%)	10.7% (9.8%)
Tuberculosis only				
Whole carcases condemned	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	9 (18)
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	0.22% (0.38%)
Cysticercosis				
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	1 (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)
Generalised and Totally condemned	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)
Percentage of the number inspected and affected with cysticercosis	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)	– (–)

Weight of meat and offal condemned: 1ton 16cwt. 25lbs. (3ton 1cwt.. 88lbs.).

DOMESTIC SMOKE CONTROL

The most important problem which faced the Department in the programme to reduce smoke from domestic sources during the year under review was the threatened shortage of solid smokeless fuels.

This caused a slowing down in the smoke control programme, but, fortunately unlike some authorities it was not considered necessary to suspend any Smoke Control Orders made within the Aldridge Brownhills Urban District, and the Number 32 Smoke Control Order came in to operation as planned on the 1st September, 1970.

With this area in operation the whole of the Pheasey and Streetly estates covering 2,632 acres and containing over 8,000 dwellings are included in adjoining smoke control orders to form one complete area.

In spite of the possible fuel shortage one small smoke control order was made during the year, which affected existing premises between Birmingham Road and Erdington Road, Aldridge not already affected by previous Smoke Control Orders. Altough small in extent it is far from unimportant since it forms a bridge between five existing Smoke Control Orders to form a single area in a built up district. The area is some 62 acres in extent and contains some 362 dwellings.

The order was confirmed by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government and will be operative from the 1st September 1971.

The present details of smoke control orders are set out below :-

Number of Smoke Control Orders in Operation 31.12.70	30
Estimated number of dwellings in Smoke Control Order	11,350 40% of the dwellings of the District
Acreage covered by Smoke Control Order	3,295 acres 24.8% of the acreage of the District
Number of Smoke Control Orders confirmed 31.12.70	1
Estimated number of dwellings	362
Acreage covered	62

It should be noted that 70% of the dwellings covered by Smoke Control Orders are contained in the eleven Pheasey/Streetly Orders which now form a single entity.

INDUSTRIAL PREMISES

One firm re-equiped their boiler house plant during the year which has included a new chimney stack installation. The remaining notifications of heating equipment were for very small gas and oil fired installations which are now standard.

Generally there is little problem with standard heating and boiler plants, large or small. However, towards the end of the year, three sources of nuisance were causing concern by producing undue smoke. One source was a wood waste incinerator which was a justified cause of complaint, producing excessive dark and black smoke while the other two were due to general refuse burning. One cause of complaint was from an industrial tip which caught fire and the other from occasional bonfires lit in a scrap yard. All these matters were under observation at the end of the year pending further action.

BRICK WORKS AND METALURGICAL WORKS

The remaining producer of Staffordshire Blue Bricks in the area continue to cause some concern with the amount of low level smoke emission, However, by the end of the year experiments were well under wayto reduce this nuisance and improvements in this field were anticipated in the next twelve months

The brass founders in the district continued to cause nuisance and give justification to complaints of dust and fume emission. The 'Alkali' Inspector was requested to investigate this matter with a view to reducing this problem..

DEPOSIT GAUGES – RECORDS OF DEPOSITS 1970

Milligrams per square metre per day

Month	Brownhills	Shelfield
January	186 (326)	178 (131)
February	130 (211)	234 (251)
March	157 (183)	177 (182)
April	166 (105)	246 (104)
May	218 (226)	249 (110)
June	420 (383)	625 (278)
July	97 (184)	199 (208)
August	236 (111)	220 (105)
September	93 (61)	133 (60)
October	141 (111)	283 (91)
November	132 (128)	148 (185)
December	98 (214)	107 (269)
TOTALS	2,074 (2,243)	2,799 (1,974)

LEAD PEROXIDE GAUGES – RECORDS OF

SULPHUR POLLUTION

WEIGHT OF SULPHUR TRIOXIDE COLLECTED IN

MILLIGRAMS PER 100 SQUARE CM. PER DAY

Month	Brownhills	Shelfield
January	2.30 (2.19)	0.60 (1.88)
February	2.00 (1.50)	1.00 (3.30)
March	2.30 (2.20)	3.20 (1.10)
April	1.80 (1.70)	0.80 (0.90)
May	1.60 (1.30)	0.50 (0.70)
June	1.30 (1.10)	0.60 (0.40)
July	0.80 (0.80)	0.30 (0.35)
August	1.10 (0.80)	3.40 (0.30)
September	1.30 (1.40)	0.50 (0.60)
October	2.90 (1.60)	0.70 (0.80)
November	2.80 (2.60)	1.10 (1.20)
December	2.50 (2.50)	0.80 (1.10)
TOTALS	22.70 (19.69)	13.50 (12.63)

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS MADE DURING THE YEAR 1970

Atmospheric Pollution – Industrial	54
Atmospheric Pollution – Trade	41
Combustion Plant	11
Smoke Control Areas	1013
Bonfires	86
Food Premises	623
Mobile Food Shops & Delivery Vehicles	32
Slaughterhouse Inspection	12
Meat Inspection	807
Unsound food – condemnations	123
Unsound food – complaints	116
Housing Inspections – Housing Acts	448
Housing Inspections – Public Health Acts	528
Clearance Areas	140
Demolitions	143
Overcrowding	2
Qualification Certificates	419
Improvement Areas	9
Infectious Disease Enquiries	164
Welfare Cases	37
Rodent Control	81
Insect Control	36
Verminous or Dirty Premises	88
Disinfections and Disinfestations	12
Sampling – Water	19
Sampling – Faecal or Urine	130
Sampling – Food and Drugs	18
Refuse – Trade	85
Refuse – Domestic	44
Refuse – Tips	62
Refuse – Accumulations	105
Refuse – Unauthorised Tipping	250
Noise Nuisances	169
Smell Nuisances	288
Keeping of Animals	82
Drainage	743
Brook Course Pollution	2
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises	622
Factory Inspections (with power)	99
Factory Inspections (without power)	41
Moveable Dwellings	8
Petroleum Storage	160
Theatre & Cinema Licences	8
Riding Establishments	8
Pet Animal & Animal Boarding Establishment	9
Miscellaneous	166
TOTAL	8143 (8,68

THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

(a) Registrations and General Inspections

Class of Premises	Number of Premises Registered during the year	No. of Registered Premises at the end of year	No. of Registered Premises receiving a a General Inspection during the year
Offices	6	107	31
Retail Shops	4	342	211
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	2	11	5
Catering establishments open to the public, Canteens	2	50	23
Fuel Storage Depots	—	2	1
	14 (43)	508 (494)	271 (291)

TOTAL NUMBER OF VISITS UNDERTAKEN DURING THE YEAR 523 (743)

ANALYSIS OF CONTRAVENTIONS

Section		
4	Cleanliness	15
6	Temperature	29
7	Ventilation	5
8	Lighting	12
9	Sanitary Conveniences	18
10	Washing facilities	14
11	Supply of drinking water	3
12	Clothing accommodation	4
13	Sitting facilities	1
16	Floors, passage and stairs	55
17	Fencing exposed parts machinery	2
24	First Aid	38
	Other matters	56
	TOTAL	252 (630)

(c) Accidents

Three accidents were reported during the year. All were thoroughly investigated and were of a minor nature. No formal action was found to be necessary.

COMPLAINTS

Complaints received and dealt with:

Drainage, Disrepair and Nuisances	107
Defective Dustbins	150
Rats, mice and other infestations	699
House and Trade Refuse Service:	
(a) General	595
(b) Excess refuse for removal	1,184
	2,735 (2,607)

DISREPAIR NOTICES DEALT WITH DURING THE YEAR 1970

	Notices Served	Notices Completed
Informal	25	38
Formal	12	9
	37 (65)	47 (50)

SANITARY INSPECTION – PAIL CLOSETS

The number of pail closets in the district is 9. It is anticipated that the figure will will decrease due to the demolition of unfit properties

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Applications received and granted for a licence to keep a Pet Shop 3 (3)

RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1964

Applications received and granted for a licence under the above Act 4 (4)

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT ACT, 1963

Applications received and granted for a licence under the above Act 3 (3)

RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION WORK

Premises Inspected

(To confirm infestation or otherwise)

	Totals Inspected	Found Infested	Found non-infested	No. of Visits Made
Dwelling houses (including Council houses)	213	213	–	878
Business Premises	39	39	–	289
Council Premises	14	14	–	207
Agricultural Premises	2	2	–	13
	268 (245)	268 (245)	– (–)	1,387 (1,713)

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936, SECTION 75 (1)

Number of Statutory Notices served	14
Number of Informal Notices served	136
	150 (248)

PUBLIC CLEANSING

(This section of the report relates to the year commencing 1st April, 1970 and terminating 31st March, 1971)

Staff:

Cleansing Foreman	2

Male Employees:

Refuse Collection	47
Refuse Disposal	3

Vehicles:

Registration No.	Vehicle	Year
6201 RF	S & D Fore and Aft Tipper	1960
379 CBF	S & D Pakamatic	1962
245 KBF	S & D Pakamatic	1963
ORF 263B	Eagle Crushload	1964
LBF 663D	Automatic Loader	1966
BRF 360E	S & D Pakamatic	1967
RBF 940	Dennis Paxit III	1961
LRE 236B	Side Loader	1964
EBF 910C	Dennis Paxit IIIA	1965
CUR 80F	S & D Pakamatic	1968
ORE 713F	Crushloader	1968
WRF 402G	Dennis Paxit Major IIIC	1969

1 Massey Ferguson 300 Tractor
1 Bristol Taurus Tractor

COST STATEMENT TO THE 31st MARCH, 1970

COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF HOUSE AND TRADE REFUSE

Particulars	Collection	Disposal	Total
	£	£	£
REVENUE ACCOUNT			
GROSS EXPENDITURE			
Labour	60,582	2,192	62,774
Transport	32,349	6,659	39,008
Other Items	6,940	1,290	8,230
TOTAL GROSS EXPENDITURE	99,871	10,141	110,012
LESS INCOME	332 (+)	663	331
NET COST	100,203	9,478	109,681